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to the enlarged sleeve 135 at a point distal the front surface 140 of the octagonal plate 134 to provide support and stability to the octagonal plate 134. Likewise, the rear trusses 139 extend from a rear surface 141 of the octagonal plate 134 at a point adjacent an angle on the circumferential surface of the octagonal plate 134 to the enlarged sleeve 135 at a point distal the rear surface 141 of the octagonal plate 134 to provide further support and stability to the octagonal plate 134. Each of the spar retaining half-pipes 136 are connected to the front surface 140 of the octagonal plate 134 and extend radially from the enlarged sleeve 135 toward a flat edge of the octagonal plate 134. As explained in more detail below, the spars 98 are connected to the hub 132 by the spar retaining half-pipes 136. The horizontal leg 96 also includes a fin 142 extending radially from and fixed to the outer fixed rod 128. The fin 142 assists in positioning the airfoils 16 into the wind. The electrical generation assembly 18 is fixed to a second end 146 of the outer fixed rod 128 and an end of the inner rotatable rod 130 extending from the second end 146 of the outer fixed rod 128.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 8, 9, 16, 18, 24, 28-31, 55 and 56 as follows.

4. (Amended) The portable wind powered generator tower of claim 3, wherein:
- the first vertical strip is comprised of a plurality of first vertical strip portions;
 - the second vertical strip is comprised of a plurality of second vertical strip portions;
 - the first vertical column of the lower tower section includes one of the first vertical strip portions;
 - the first upper column includes another one of the first vertical strip portions;
 - the second vertical column of the one lower tower section includes one of the second vertical strip portions;
 - the second upper column includes another one of the second vertical strip portions; and
 - the first vertical strip and the second vertical strip are fully assembled when the at least one lower tower section is connected to the upper tower section.